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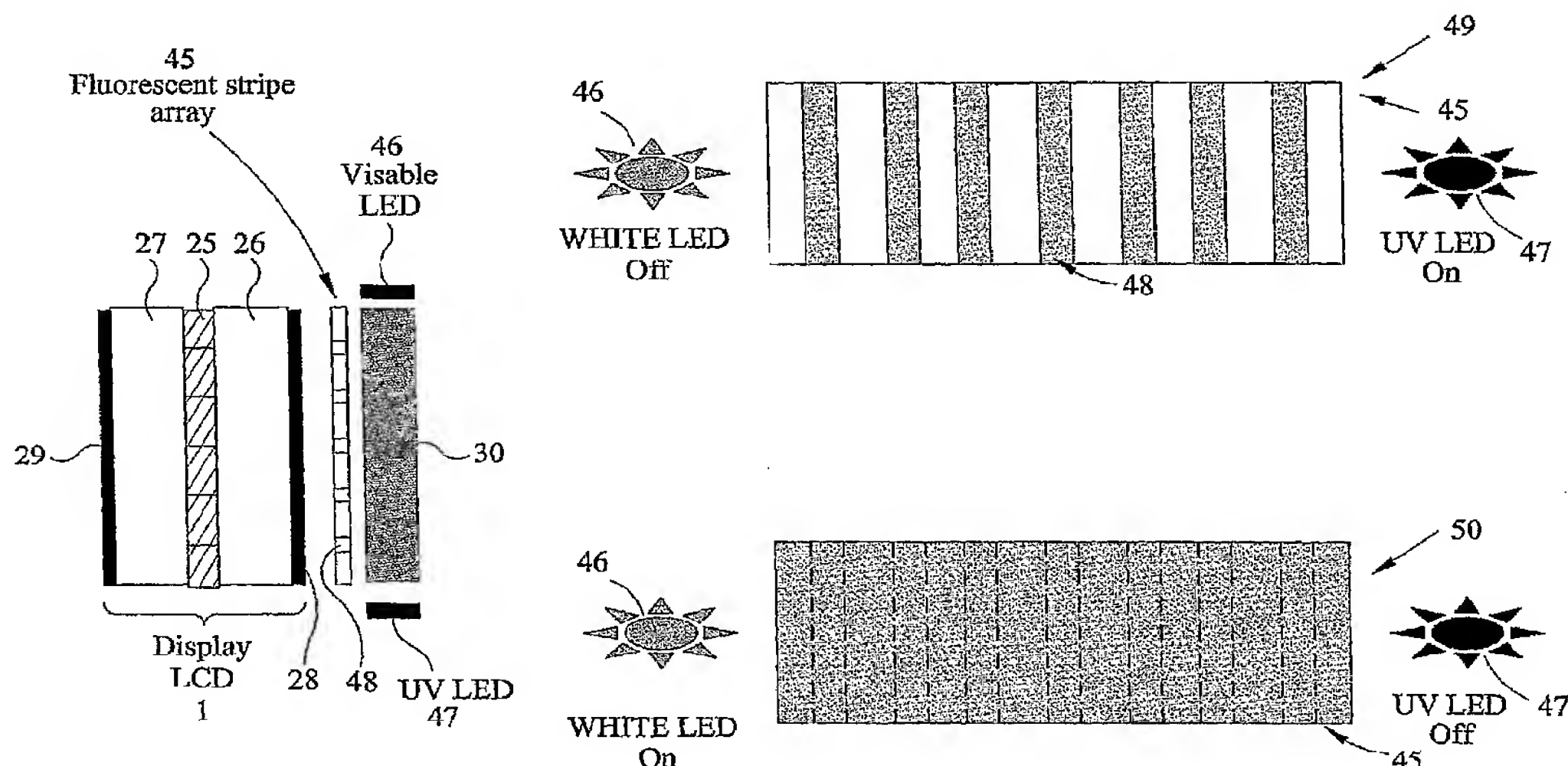
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(57) Abstract: A display comprises a backlight (30, 45-48) and a spatial light modulator (1) such as a liquid crystal device for modulating light from the backlight (30, 45-48). The backlight has a light-output surface (45) with a first set of regions in the form of parallel evenly spaced strips (48). In a multiple-view mode of the display, these strips (48) emit light whereas the remainder of the output surface (45) is dark. In a single-view mode of operation of the display, the whole of the output surface (45) emits light substantially evenly across the display area of the modulator (1).

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